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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *adg*

RE: Site Inspections, DeVar Shumway, Assortment of Stone Quarries, No DOGM File numbers assigned to these sites prior to this inspection, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: June 6, 1997
Time of Inspection: 0820 - 1345
Conditions: Overcast, cool
Participants: DeVar Shumway, Operator; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine stone quarries Mr. Shumway has operated or been associated with. Note: Prior to these inspections DOGM files did not have record of these operations.

Picture Rock Quarry - SW/4 Sec. 3 & SE/4 Sec. 4, T38S, R24E (Jason Shumway operator?)

The inspections began with a meeting at the stone yard located north of Blanding. I met Mr. Shumway at the stone yard where he provided a brief overview of their stone products and equipment. After looking at the stone yard we then left for what Mr. Shumway called the Picture Rock Quarry. The Picture Rock Quarry is located near Cave Canyon. The quarry is north and immediately adjacent to the county road. The disturbed area is oval in shape. Mr. Shumway mentioned the disturbed area for this quarry would probably not increase in the near future, but the quarry excavation would deepen since there are several other layers of rock which they can remove from this area. There is a loop road which comes around the back or the west side of the quarry area. Mr. Shumway mentioned this road is where they usually park equipment because it is less visible from the road and does not attract attention.

The quarry area disturbance is approximately 430 feet long and 180 feet wide. Mr. Shumway mentioned that the area stripped within this quarry was initially stripped for material to be used in the construction of the adjacent county road. At the present time, quarrying operations have not expanded into the entire stripped area, but that is something that may happen in the future. The estimated disturbance for this area is approximately 1 ½ to 2 acres without including the access road that wraps around the back of the quarry.

Perkins Quarry - NE/4 SW/4 Sec. 20 T38S, R24E (Eldon Virgil operator?)

The next area visited is being called the Perkins Quarry. The Perkins Quarry is located on a mesa bench with a gas plant below and a TV antenna on a point above. This quarry is located on private surface and federal minerals. The disturbed area is not anticipated to increase in the near future

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because they can continue to quarry down through many layers of the desired rock product. Estimated disturbance at this quarry is from 1 ½ - 2 ½ acres. This does not include the access road.

Bacon Rock Quarry - SE/4 NE/4 Sec 30 T38S, R24E (Eldon Virgil operator?)

The next quarry visited is being called the Bacon Rock Quarry. At the time of this inspection, there were several pieces of equipment located on site. The equipment included a compressor, a fork lift, a John Deere backhoe, and a front end loader (without the engine). Mr. Shumway mentioned the engine is currently being worked on at the stone yard.

The access road leading up to the Bacon Rock Quarry from the southwest is rough. There is another access road leading away from the site to the north which is used by the trucks hauling stone out of the site. The haul road is in much better condition and leaves from the upper level of the quarry and is not as steep as the road we took in. At the quarry site, Mr. Shumway mentioned they could continue quarrying down through the different stone layers and they could expand toward the southwest. There was a small highwall present at the quarry at the time of this inspection. This 15-20 foot highwall is shown in the photographs with the fork lift. The visual estimate of disturbed area at this quarry is at 3+ acres, and does not include either of the two access roads.

A strip along the haul road marked with flagging had recently been regraded. It is unknown at this time if this regraded area has been reseeded. Photographs were taken of this area. As land marks at the Bacon Rock Quarry, there are two stone houses down below the mesa near the access road. Mr. Al Virgil is a partner with Mr. Shumway in working the stone yard and performing the reclamation at this site in particular.

Comb Ridge Quarry - W/2 SW/4 Sec. 19 T37S, R21E (Jason Shumway operator?)

The next area visited is the Comb Ridge Quarry. The rock product from this quarry is a red sandstone. Mr. Shumway mentioned that sandstone from this quarry was used in the construction of the Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding. This quarry would be described as a long narrow area along the dipping sandstone beds along the edge of the mesa. Mr. Shumway mentioned that this rock is softer and not durable enough for use where it will be subject to rain and other weathering. This quarry was last worked last fall. We walked over the general quarry area. The quarry disturbance is approximately 115 feet wide and 500 feet long not including the access road.

Another quarry being operated by DeVar that we did not visit is called the South Elk Quarry and is located on USFS lands. Mr. Shumway mentioned he has filed some information with the USFS.

In conclusion, the Division will enter these quarry sites into the database as small mine operations and assign file numbers to them. A copy of this memo will be sent to each file. Small Mining Operation Notice of Intention forms will need to be completed by the operators and returned to the Division. The BLM already has files for these operations.

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